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1. WHILE U.S. IS WILLING TO ACCEPT EITHER DUNKEL OR DEGEER AS CHAIRMAN OF THE FRAMEWORK GROUP, WE HAVE A STRONG PREFERENCE FOR DUNKEL.

2. WITH REGARD TO PROCEDURAL HANDLING OF SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES, USG CONSIDERS IT PREMATURE TO RAISE THE PROCEDURAL QUESTION BEFORE WE HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO EXPLORE WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS THEIR VIEWS ON THE SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEMS. WHILE WE WISH TO REMAIN FLEXIBLE IN OUR APPROACH, DISCUSSION AT ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING SHOULD BE LIMITED TO ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS. IF PRESSED, DEL SHOULD RESTATE OUR POSITION THAT ALL ISSUES MUST BE CONSIDERED AS ONE PACKAGE, EXPRESSING OUR FIRMNESS IN THIS REGARD AS TACTFULLY AS POSSIBLE. BETWEEN THE ORGANIZATIONAL AND FIRST SUBSTANTIVE MEETING OF THE GROUP, WE WOULD HOPE TO BEGIN TO INFORMALLY EXPLORE WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS THEIR VIEWS AS TO (1) WHERE THE SUBSTANTIVE DIFFERENCES ARISE WITH RESPECT TO EACH ISSUE, AND (2) DIRECTLY RELATED TO THIS DISCUSSION,

HOW SUGGESTED ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE HANDLING OF THE SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES MIGHT WORK IN PRACTICE.

3. DECEMBER 14 DATE FOR ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF GROUP IS ACCEPTABLE. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE A LATE FEBRUARY DATE IS MOST APPROPRIATE FOR THE FIRST SUBSTANTIVE MEETING BUT AT THE SAME TIME, WE DO NOT WANT TO BE PUT IN A POSITION OF APPEARING TO DELAY START OF THE WORK OF THE GROUP. CONSEQUENTLY, WE SHOULD REMAIN OPEN AS TO DATE OF FIRST SUBSTANTIVE MEETING.

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